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In the Claims:

Claims 1 and 3 are amended herein. Claim 2 is canceled.  
New claims 6 and 7 are added. The remaining claims are not  
amended in this response.

1. (currently amended) A retaining device for a drum  
stand, the retaining device comprising:

a top clamping seat adapted to be securely mounted on a  
distal end of the drum stand and having arms divergently  
extending out of the top clamping seat and each arm provided with  
a claw adjustably connected to the arm wherein each arm has  
cutouts defined in a side face of the arm and the each claw is  
hollow and has a pin extending through opposite sides of the claw  
such that the claw is able to encase therein a corresponding one  
of the arms and thus the pin is able to be received in a  
corresponding one of the cutouts;

a bottom seat adapted to be slidably mounted on the drum  
stand and having linkages pivotally extending upward to pivotally  
connect to mediate portions of the arms; and

an adjusting ring adapted to be threadingly connected to the  
drum stand to abut a side face of the bottom seat to cause the  
bottom seat to move,

whereby movement of the bottom seat is able to initiate  
movement of the top clamping seat and thus the claws are able to

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clamp a drum seated on the drum stand and the adjustability of the claws relative to the arms allows the retaining device to clamp drums of different sizes.

2. (canceled)

3. (currently amended) The retaining device as claimed in claim 2 1, wherein a passage is defined between the claw and the arm after the arm is encased in the claw such that the pin is able to leave restriction of the corresponding cutout and be received in different cutout of the arm so as to accomplish size adjustment of the claws.

4. (original) The retaining device as claimed in claim 1, wherein each arm has cutouts defined in a side face and a mediate portion of the arm and each claw is hollow and has two pins extending through opposite sides of a top and a bottom of the claw such that the claw is able to encase therein a corresponding one of the arms and thus the pins are able to be received in cutouts in the top and bottom of the corresponding arm.

5. (original) The retaining device as claimed in claim 4, wherein a passage is defined in the mediate portion of the arm to communicate with the cutouts in the mediate portion such that after the arm is encased in the claw, the pins are able to leave restriction of the corresponding cutouts and be received in

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different cutouts of the arm so as to accomplish size adjustment of the claws.

6. (new) A retaining device for a drum stand, the retaining device comprising:

a top clamping seat adapted to be securely mounted on a distal end of the drum stand and having arms divergently extending out of the top clamping seat and each arm provided with a claw adjustably connected to the arm, wherein each arm has cutouts defined in a side face and a mediate portion of the arm and each claw is hollow and has two pins extending through opposite sides of a top and a bottom of the claw such that the claw is able to encase therein a corresponding one of the arms and thus the pins are able to be received in cutouts in the top and bottom of the corresponding arm;

a bottom seat adapted to be slidably mounted on the drum stand and having linkages pivotally extending upward to pivotally connect to mediate portions of the arms; and

an adjusting ring adapted to be threadingly connected to the drum stand to abut a side face of the bottom seat to cause the bottom seat to move,

whereby movement of the bottom seat is able to initiate movement of the top clamping seat and thus the claws are able to clamp a drum seated on the drum stand and the adjustability of

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the claws relative to the arms allows the retaining device to clamp drums of different sizes.

7. (new) The retaining device as claimed in claim 4, wherein a passage is defined in the mediate portion of the arm to communicate with the cutouts in the mediate portion such that after the arm is encased in the claw, the pins are able to leave restriction of the corresponding cutouts and be received in different cutouts of the arm so as to accomplish size adjustment of the claws.